

Campus Bulletin

The bi-weekly newsletter of the Indiana School for the Deaf

A sad story from the main library

By Linda Canty

Please remember to save any empty boxes and bring them to the library. We are in desperate need, and we really need your help. We need to pack up ALL of our materials so that work on our damaged floor can begin.

Governor O'Bannon visits ISD

By Jerry Cooper

Indiana's Governor Frank O'Bannon made his first official visit to the Indiana School for the Deaf last Tuesday morning, September 23. His visit came in response to a letter of invitation sent by one of the ISD students to participate in our Deaf Heritage Week. Every year the celebration has been proclaimed by a representative.

(See "O'Bannon," p. 7)

Hands-on exhibit spotlights the deaf

Indianapolis Star and News
September 29, 1997

A new exhibit highlighting Indiana's deaf community will open today [September 29] at the Indiana Historical Society.

It will continue through January 16 at the society, 315 W. Ohio Street.

The exhibit is called *Growing Up Deaf in Indiana: the History of the Indiana School for the Deaf*. It is an interactive, collaborative venture of the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana School for the Deaf, and its Alumni Association.

"It's a look at the history of the School for the Deaf and the vital role the school plays in the deaf community," said historical society spokesman Ray Boomhower. "It's a lot of hands-on materials, letters, manuscripts, diaries, and photographs.

"The idea is to increase knowledge and awareness about deaf people and to dispel myths and prejudices."

(See "Exhibit," p. 6)

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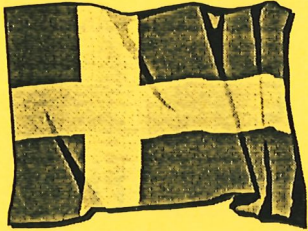
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Swedish visitors

By Donna Stutth

Gunilla Christersson and Siv Dahlen arrived on our campus on September 21st. The reason for their visit was to gain knowledge of our bi/bi methods. They were also interested in our curriculum and teaching materials.

They had a long meeting with Teri Paulone and Glenda Zmijewski regarding our curriculum and our ESL program. They were able to visit some of the language arts classes in each department to reemphasize what Teri and Glenda discussed with them.



They also visited with Linda Canty in the library. Ms. Dahlen is the librarian at the Manilla School for the Deaf, so she was very interested in chatting with Linda. They also met with Cindy Lawrence, Vera Masters, and Lori Dille about the Parent Infant Program at ISD. Bea Pfaff met with them during lunch on Tuesday to discuss her ASL programs.

At the final wrap-up meeting with them they both commented that we have excellent staff and students. They also remarked that it was great to have so many Deaf teachers in the classroom setting. Overall, they liked the climate of our campus and how they felt so at home here.

A special thanks to Louise Fitzpatrick, Diane Hazel, and David Geeslin for assisting me with the opening and closing remarks with Gunilla and Siv.

CSPD needs you

by Mary Alice Moon

The Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD), is a committee required by law to plan training for the school. Each year this committee sends out a survey in the spring asking staff what kind of training they need for the coming year. The information from the surveys is tabulated and is used to establish training for the coming year. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please contact Mary Alice Moon or Glenda Zmijewski in the Main Building. The committee normally only meets five or six times during the school year.

CASA for kids

by Mary Alice Moon

A huge thank you goes to all of the staff who helped man the five adorable houses at Circle Centre Mall during the month of September. Little did we realize when we said that we would assume responsibility for covering the houses for three days during the month that that commitment would translate into finding 140 people to fill all of the time slots. As usual, the school community pulled together and ISD did a fantastic job of raising money for CASA. We had people from the residence halls, maintenance, administration, Ball State, the educational staff, Vincennes University, and parents volunteer for this project. It was really exciting to see individuals from every part of our campus come together for a common

Thanks to each and every person who made ISD look so good during the Casa project!!



Free!

News from AT&T

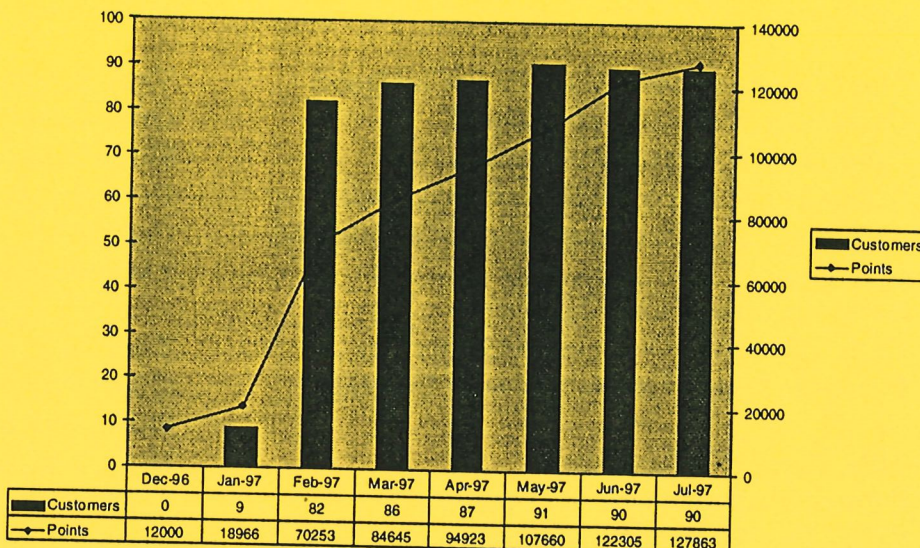
On-line education services available

by Jim Frenchik

In addition to the on-going Learning Points program, the AT&T Learning Network offers a variety of free online education services to schools and communities nationwide, including resources to help teachers learn how to use technology as a powerful teaching tool. To learn more, visit the AT&T Learning Network website:

www.att.com/learningnetwork/

"Learning Points" update



Ushers screenings

By Linda Charlebois

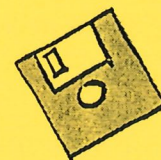
Most of the high school students are currently going through a screening process for Ushers Syndrome. The screening involves having staff members fill out forms regarding observations that they may have made in the classroom.

Screening for Middle School students is scheduled for November 4-6, and Elementary students are due to go through the process from January 13-15. We will use March 3-4 as "catch up" days to catch the students who were missed during the first round of testing. Supervising teachers will provide details nearer the time of screening for your department.

MML seeking donations

by Dan Stutler

Middle School and High School students are seeking donations of used videotapes and 3.5" computer disks. Many companies, especially Internet providers, are sending diskettes and videotapes to homes as demos. If you have any of these and have no use for them, please donate them to the students in the MML classes via Robert Wilson.



Staff Development Briefs

by Mary Alice Moon

If you would like more information on any of the following workshops you may contact the Staff Development Office, which is located in Building 6 in Room 223. Our phone number is ext. 414. Right now we still don't have a TTY answering machine, so if we are out of the office, please leave TTY messages with Pam Lewis at ext. 419. There is also additional information on the bulletin board outside the office.

Title: Twenty-second Annual Early Childhood Conference "Reflecting on Practice"

Offered by: Ball State University

Skills: 28 different workshops offered covering a wide range of topics connected to early childhood education

Date: Saturday, October 25, 1997

Cost: \$36 before Oct. 6 and \$42 after Oct. 6

Location: Student Center, Ball State University

Title: Prime Time workshops

Offered by: Department of Education

Skills: Developmentally appropriate practice and research on teaching and learning and videos, which highlight an active learning environment

Date: October 27, 1997

Cost: \$5

Location: Washington Township Administration Center

Title: Black Men Standing Tall in Troubled Times

Offered by: The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males

Skills: Formulate strategies to positively affect the Black male

Date: October 20, 21, 1997

Cost: \$40 for one day and \$60 for two days

Location: Indiana Government Center South

Title: The Total Effective School

Offered by: National School Conference Institute

Skills: Building a world class school

Date: Oct. 23 - 26, 1997

Cost: \$485

Location: St. Louis, Missouri

Title: How to Get Outside the Box

Offered by: Skillpath

Skills: How to become a creative thinker

Date: October 24, 1997

Cost: \$99

Location: Omni Severin Hotel

Title: How to Supervise People

Offered by: Fred Pryor

Skills: How to become a skilled supervisor

Date: October 17, 1997

Cost: \$99

Location: Best Western

Title: Children's Literature Conference

Offered by: Indiana Wesleyan University

Skills: Learn new and creative ways to make children love to read good books

Date: October 25, 1997

Cost: \$79

Location: Indiana Wesleyan University

Title: Practical, Innovative Ideas for Strengthening Your Kindergarten Program

Offered by: Bureau of Education and Research

Skills: How to strengthen your program

Date: October 6, 1997

Cost: \$125

Location: Best Western

Title: Implementing Self-Directed Work Teams

Offered by: Careertrack

Skills: How to ensure teams succeed

Date: October 21, 1997

Cost: \$99

Location: Best Western Waterfront

WELCOME

Mr. O'Donnell!

by Mary Alice Moon

The *Campus Bulletin* would like to welcome John O'Donnell to ISD. John, a graduate of the Delaware School for the Deaf in Newark, Delaware, has been serving as a student teacher under Mr. George Houk in Middle School. His background includes a BA in Applied Mathematics from the Rochester Institute of Technology, which is tied to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). While working at DSD for the past few years, he has recently earned his masters in Deaf Education from Western Maryland College (WMC).

John chose ISD for several reasons. The most basic is that he has never seen ISD, and was curious about our midwestern campus. But he was most interested in ISD because of our reputation as one of the first schools to implement a bilingual/bicultural program. He was also impressed with the reputation ISD has for having a good academic program.

On a personal level, Mr. O'Donnell recently celebrated his first wedding anniversary with his wife, Kathy, who is currently working as a residential advisor at DSD. His hobbies include mountain bike climbing (which might not come in handy in Indiana, John), reading books on history and biographies, and traveling every chance he gets.

Reaching out

by Donna Stutler

The Outreach Department is doing their job in the mission to increase our efforts at public relations for ISD. Terri Motter, Pam Burchett, Steve Dille, and interpreter Brian Collins visited Eastwood Middle School on September 11th, where they discussed Deaf Culture, American Sign Language, and different assistive devices for the Deaf and hard of hearing. They also fielded questions from the audience of eighty students, four teachers, and several administrators.

The teachers made many positive comments and the students were very impressed with the TTY demonstration. An administrator commented that they felt positive that more students would sign up for the ASL courses that the school is now offering thanks to this group making the effort to come to their school and speak to the children.

Good job, guys!

in the Speech Department

by Julie Buck

The speech department is proud to announce an open house scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 1997, for parents, teachers, and students. We will have two times scheduled for people to drop in: from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and from 2-2:30 p.m. You are welcome to contact us for a different time if you wish to bring your whole class. We will have cookies and drinks available. We are located in the preschool department, room 127. See you there!

Live performances in sign

Submitted by Nancy Thomas and Ted Myhre

The Carmel Community Players will present the popular play "The Miracle Worker" on October 17-19 and 24-26. The October 19th performance will be interpreted. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and senior citizens. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Some of Conner Prairie's "Frontier Family Friday" events will be interpreted also. Sorry about the late notice, but on October 3rd they will present their "Headless Horseman" program. According to the Conner Prairie brochure, the program will feature storytellers from Indiana and Oklahoma, and participants will be welcome to roam the property to see the new Headless Horseman activities and then "settle down to hear some tall tales to tickle your spine, and your funny bone!"



The November 7th offering is entitled "Twilight Hours." It begins with a tour of Conner Prairie's historic village, led by Mark Twain himself. Children and their adult escorts will see the village in a different light, through the flickering flames of historic candles. You will be able to enjoy hands-on activities and a special evening Twain performance.

The Conner Prairie activities run from 6-9 p.m., and cost \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 per family. They are free to members.

Modem upgrades available -- if we can find you!

by Bruce Peters

We can upgrade our external modems, Sportsber 22.8, with V.34 to V.321 to 33.6 K. Please give Bruce Peters, LRC, the serial number under the modem that you have now so that he can request the appropriate chips. So far Bruce has identified 15 of the 20 modems that require upgrading. If you feel that you are eligible for this upgrade, please call Bruce at ext. 253.

The next *Campus Bulletin* will be distributed on Friday, October 17. Please submit any articles to Jim Frenchik in the Learning Resource Center by Tuesday, October 14.

Exhibit (cont'd from p. 1)

Michael Reis, an Indiana School for the Deaf alumnus and advisor for the exhibit, added, "Some minorities value their church/temple/mosque as their cultural bedrock."

In Indiana, that sense of place is the Indiana School for the Deaf, founded in 1843.

"That is what makes deaf people so unique," Reis said.

In 1843, Vermont teacher William Willard opened a private

school for deaf children in Indianapolis and became the first deaf man in America to establish a permanent school for the deaf.

The Indiana General Assembly was so impressed with Willard that it made his small school a state institution.

The Indiana Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, as it was known until 1907, had its first permanent campus in 1851. That campus, on East Washington Street at State Avenue, now is the site of Willard

Park.

The school was moved to its current location on East 42nd Street, north of the State Fairgrounds, at the same time it was renamed the Indiana School for the Deaf.

Growing Up Deaf in Indiana is free and open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and from 8:30 to 4 p.m. Saturdays at the Indiana State Library.

For information, call 317/232 1882.

O'Bannon (cont'd from p. 1)

tive of the Governor's Office, but this year was the first time that Governor O'Bannon himself read the proclamation to us.

Superintendent George Stailey, accompanied by ISD student representatives Bradley Pollard, Cherish Lewis, and Ben Ratell, greeted O'Bannon at the foyer of Alumni Hall along with Diane Jones, who interpreted for the governor.

The first stop was the ISD museum in the Charles Whisman Room. David Reynolds, high school English teacher, provided a guided tour to the governor of the photographic collections and gave brief explanations of some of the photographs.

After the museum tour, the governor was led to the auditorium where all middle school and high school students and staff awaited his arrival.

A quilt patch designed and created by the Deaf Studies/ASL students was shown to the governor. The students will later present the patch to Charles Katz, who has been collecting patches from Deaf schools all over the country to assemble into a quilt.

Three Middle School students, Drew Robarge, Ellen O'Hara, and Laura Sutton, signed an ASL poem entitled "Deaf Heritage." Then Jonas Fenicle, former ISD art teacher, unveiled a large framed picture of William Willard, the founder of ISD. The artwork was made by all students and teachers last year by having everyone put his fingerprint onto the canvas using an ink stamp.

Superintendent Stailey then

introduced Governor O'Bannon. O'Bannon mentioned that this visit to the ISD campus was not actually his first. He recalled his involvement with the Boys' State Program, held at ISD, as a staff member many years ago. Then he read the proclamation officially declaring the week of September 22-26 as "Deaf Heritage Week." A standing ovation and "Deaf applause" greeted this news.

The same three students presented O'Bannon with gifts of appreciation from ISD. The governor received pins, ISD sweatshirts, and a copy of the Sesquicentennial Yearbook. He responded with a warm smile and signed "thank you" and "I love you."

Upon leaving the auditorium, O'Bannon went to a bedroom in Fair Hall which has been transformed into a demonstration apartment for deaf-related assistive devices. The apartment was furnished with a TTY, flashing lights for the doorbell, alarm clock, and phone, and a small bed vibrator which attached to the alarm clock. When one of the students handed him the bed vibrator, the governor jerked suddenly in surprise!

Those devices are on loan from Indiana Telecom Service, which is owned by Robert Downing, Jr. (ISD Class of '58). This is Indiana's only deaf-owned TTY/device sales and repair service.

After leaving the demo room, O'Bannon was taken to Willard Elementary gym, where he was greeted by the whole elementary school. There he read the same proclamation. On his way out, he met the preschoolers in the hallway, who were thrilled to shake

hands with him. After exchanging a few words of thanks with superintendent Stailey, he and his assistants drove away.

Many recognized the historic significance of the governor's visit to ISD's campus, including ISD and Deaf Community leaders such as Dr. Jerome Freeman, Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) of the Family and Social Services Administration, and his colleagues Debbie Deka and Don Tinsley; Scott Jensen, PTCO President; Terry Huser, ISD Advisory Board member, Jerry Thixton, Presidents of the Indiana Association of the Deaf (IAD); Gale Walker, president of the Archibald Memorial Homes, Inc. (AMH); William Loudon, President of the Senior Silent Hoosiers; and Jerry Cooper, President of the Indiana School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

WANTED

One or two enthusiastic people from each department to be a part of an innovative planning team for INCLUSION.

We are now in the beginning stages of becoming an inclusionary school and we are searching for caring, creative individuals who can help develop a smooth transitional plan for both staff and students. If you would like to be a part of this revolutionary team, contact Linda Jones or Becky Smith in Middle School by October 10, 1997.

by Becky Smith and Linda Jones

